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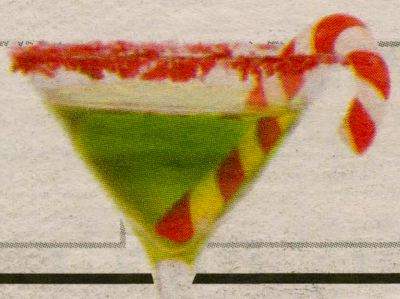

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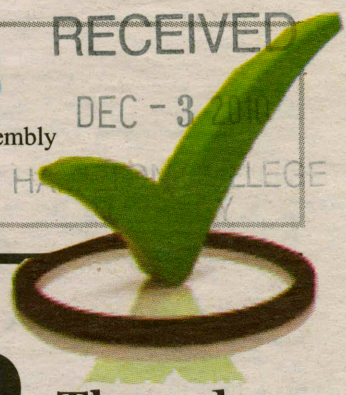

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THE GRAY AREA

Exploring the relationship between alcohol and sexual assault on campus

by Emily Gerston '11
News Editor

Everyone agrees that "consent is sexy," including countless students, safety coalitions, nonprofit councils and celebrities – but what exactly is consent? Students and faculty gathered yesterday to discuss this question, as well as the relationship between alcohol and sexual activity. Although there have been several meetings, forums and marches to bring the rising number of sexual assaults and rapes to the forefront of campus awareness, this meeting focused specifically on the role of alcohol in these situations. The coffee-hour discussion, co-hosted by the Diversity and Social Justice Project and the Cultural Education Center, brought together more than 30 people to discuss the prevalence of these issues on campus and ideas for how to remedy what they agreed was a dangerous and unhealthy situation.

To resolve what one person at the meeting referred to as "this whole gray area" of giving consent, much of the conversation focused on when and how people can give and revoke consent. Determining what constitutes consent can become murky and complicated when alcohol is involved. According to a study by the Harvard School of Public Health, 72 percent of rapes occur when the victim is too drunk to consent. The coffee-hour discussion made clear that

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Students studying Prison Writing collecting books for Attica library

by Kerry Coughlin '11
Senior Staff Writer

"Over 90 percent of inmates in prison right now will eventually be released from prison and back into mainstream society. I would much rather that person have received an education and become a productive member of society instead of commit another crime and end up back in prison," commented Rachel D'Angio '11 on her increased awareness of the importance of education in the American prison system. A group of students in Professor Doran Larson's Prison Writing English seminar are taking the class one step further. D'Angio, Olivia Wolfgang-Smith '11 and Lauren Magaziner '12 have begun a book drive to benefit individuals at the Attica Correctional Facility in Attica, New York.

With the guidance of Professor Larson and the cooperation of Attica, the three students began the book drive in order to raise Hamilton's awareness of prison writing and incarceration, as well as to benefit educational programs at the prison. "Right now, the library at the Attica Correctional Facility is woefully empty, and we hope to fill it," said Magaziner. "Although a book drive certainly does not take the place of an education program, having access to books in the library is a step in the right direction."

The three students came up with the idea for the book drive after reading one particular excerpt in class about a man who decided to teach himself how to read. They were inspired to contribute to this phenomenon of prisoners taking this initiative to educate themselves.

"So far, the drive has been a great success," said Wolfgang-Smith. "I've been touched and impressed by the Hamilton community's commitment to the cause."

The Prison Writing class itself is a survey of writing by men and women who have been incarcerated, including works written not only while in prison but also after release. "We've read works from around the world and across history, from St. Perpetua in third-century Rome to inmates in modern American correctional facilities," said Wolfgang-Smith. Additionally, each student in the class makes one visit to the Attica Correctional Facility in order to participate in the creative writing workshop that is run by Professor Larson there.

Donations to the Attica Book Drive can be made in the labeled boxes located throughout campus – in KJ, Beinecke, the Sadove Student Center, Root Hall and the Science Center Atrium. Books can be donated until Monday, Dec. 6. Books from a variety of reading levels and subject areas will be accepted; preferred books are adult fiction, the classics, textbooks and non-fiction books. Any questions should be directed via e-mail to D'Angio (rdangio@hamilton.edu), Wolfgang-Smith (owolfgan@hamilton.edu) or Magaziner (lmagazin@hamilton.edu).

Panel discusses texting and other methods of college cyber bullying

by Allison Eck '12
Managing Editor

Between hostile text messages, snarky Facebook messages and antagonistic tweets, cyber bullying manifests itself in more ways than one. While high school and middle school students tend to demonstrate a high degree of negative interaction via technology, it remains to be seen whether or not college students have caught the cyber-bullying bug. Hamilton hosted a panel on Tuesday made up of College faculty and staff members to address cyber bullying in the college setting.

Assistant Professor of Psychology Jean Burr set the stage for the discussion and prompted audience members to come up with reasons why cyber bullying might be prevalent amongst college students. The ability to remain anonymous is important element of cyber bullying in the college sphere, as is the immediacy of communication.

"Some people have argued that anything you do on the Internet can constitute bullying," said Burr. "The nature of the Internet makes it really easy to hit 'forward.'"

Furthermore, the pressure to create and preserve friend groups heightens at the start of college, which could explain why students may feel the need to bully in order to establish their social territory. "There are logistical difference between high school and college," Burr said. "In high school, you're with the same people all the time. But in college, you're often in different classes, so communication via texting or other forms of technology is

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Faculty discussed the methods and impact of cyber buylling on college campuses. Most cases at Hamilton involve offensive text messages after break-ups.

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FACE AIDS brings reality of virus to campus

Speaker shares details of living with AIDS

by Adam Fix '13
News Contributor

World AIDS day, held on Dec. 1, is dedicated to raising awareness about the HIV/AIDS virus and remembering the 33.3 million who suffer from the disease.

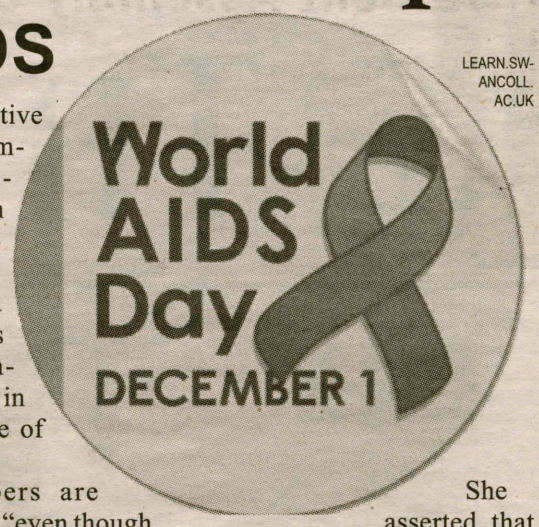
A speaker from AIDS Community Resources, a multicultural AIDS Service Agency in Upstate New York, visited campus Wednesday night to commemorate the event, followed by a Hamiltones concert and candlelight prayer for AIDS victims at home and around the world.

"Although the epidemic is somewhat stabilizing, the fight against AIDS is not over," said Cara Quigley '13, who introduced Wednesday's speaker. "It is up to our generation to tackle HIV/AIDS and recognize that this disease will not go away. This is not a disease just for citizens of third-world countries."

> **"We have to realize the power of words to create certain environments that can damage people irreparably."**

The speaker, introducing herself as Shannon, was diagnosed with HIV four years ago after giving birth to twins. Now 28, she lives in Utica with six children, takes regular medication and visits her doctor every three months. Although she has experienced no symptoms beyond tiredness and fatigue, she repeatedly stressed the enormous emotional impact of the disease on her life and her family.

"It's a horrible, horrible feeling," said Shannon. "A lot of kids," she continued, "are infected and uneducated. My kids will be educated." She concluded with the assertion that "my choices got me here," and stressed the importance of preventative care, sex education and proper treatment.



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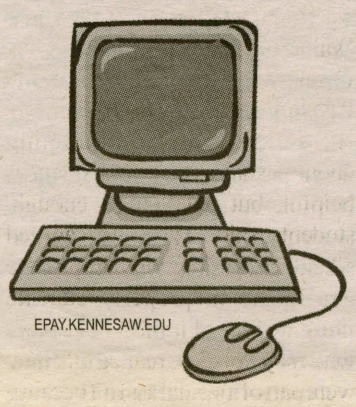
A representative from AIDS Community Services in Utica then spoke on the disease locally, noting that Oneida County possesses the fourth highest infection rate in New York outside of NYC.

"The numbers are huge," she stated, "even though they look so small." Observing how 25 infected people had visited her office in the past year alone, she stressed that while we frequently hear of epidemics in third-world countries, AIDS exists in America as well, and "is something we all need to think about."

She asserted that everyone in the room, whether they knew it or not, knew someone with HIV, and stressed that the disease "is 100 percent preventable, but once you have it, you can't get rid of it. Most importantly, if you haven't been tested yet, I highly recommend that you do."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Panelists compare cyber bullying on college and high school campuses

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more common."

When cases of cyber bullying arise at Hamilton, often they involve offensive text messages from the aftermath of bad breakups. Psychologist and Lecturer in Psychology David Walden observed that victims of cyber bullying, in particular, often surrender from feelings of public shame, more so than they would in face-to-face situations. In addition, victims sometimes surrender their ability to understand their emotional state; in other words, they substitute others' judgments for their own. "When people come to me, first there's the emotional pain that's evident, but then there's the ability to say, 'I'm okay,' and they put other people in that judgment seat," said Walden.

Part of the healing process requires that victims step back and reason out how they should feel about a given scenario, said Sidney Wertimer Associate Professor of Philosophy Marianne Janack. In the conflict between reason and emotion, it becomes difficult for adolescents and 20-year-olds to step back from the emotional confusion that results from both enduring and perpetuating cyber bullying. "The First Amendment is really premised on an ideal actor here – someone who isn't the in the throws of a passionate identity construction," Janack said. "So while the First Amendment is good for a 30-year-old, it may not necessarily be ideal for an 18-year-old."

"While it's true that we want to be careful about what kinds of restrictions we put on speech, nonetheless we also have to realize the power of words to create certain environments that can damage people irreparably," she reiterated.

"I think that the passion of our younger years leads us to embrace this sense of moral indignation," said Janack. That means that a student should find a way to take a third person perspective in a given situation and ask, "Would my future self consider this enough to license this kind of behavior?" Both parties involved in cyber bullying can benefit from this kind of thinking.

To close, the panel discussed identity management on sites like Facebook and ways to best construct one's persona online. The roles of aggressor and victim are blurred online, which makes it difficult to mediate or remedy situations of cyber bullying. When online harassment occurs, though, students have access to a number of resources that can deal with judicial proceedings and individual needs.

If you are coping with cyber bullying, call the Counseling Center at 315-859-4340.

NESCAC NEWS

by Joshua Yates '14
News Writer

Middlebury College

Recently in New York City, a select group of Middlebury College students took home the championship trophy from the 2010 Quidditch World Cup. While it does seem strange that a fictional sport from the *Harry Potter* series has been made into a reality, it has become one of the fastest growing fads on college campuses across the country. According to the *New York Times*, this version of the sport was invented by Adrian Benepe, son of the New York City Parks commissioner, and founder of the International Quidditch Association, which sponsored the World Cup.

The *Middlebury Campus* reports this year's team, largely a fusion of members from last year's top Middlebury teams, the Purebloods and Mudblood Rebellion, had "little difficulty in bonding this fall," despite them being bitter rivals. "We [were] all in it to win, and I think that [brought] us together," Matt Engel '11 told the *Campus*. "'Representing the birthplace of Muggle Quidditch [was] an advantage in itself [because] just being Middlebury, we [were] more intimidating right off the bat.'"

The new team called itself Constant Vigilance, and with a unique athletic prowess, it beat out "a total of 46 teams comprising 757 athletes… many of whom Middlebury had never seen before." However, co-captain Kathryn Nagel '12 expressed some concern about the sport's future, with many suggesting Quidditch become a NCAA sport. "I would be sad if it got overly competitive and too structured and lost its spirit, but I think it still has room to grow and be a really popular game to play," Nagel told the *Campus*. For now the team is celebrating the epic win at the World Cup.

Tufts University

After a months-long search, excitement is radiating on campus with the recent announcement from the Board of Trustees about the Tufts' new president. His name is Anthony Monaco, and he comes to Medford, MA all the way from the University of Oxford, becoming the 13th president of Tufts.

According to the *Tufts Daily*, Monaco is a geneticist and the pro-vice-chancellor for planning and resources at Oxford, and he will succeed University President Lawrence Bacow in the university's highest position when Bacow steps down at the end of June. The *Daily* also reports Monaco grew up in Wilmington, Del., and received a bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1981. He received an M.D. and Ph.D in neuroscience from Harvard Medical School in 1987 in the Medical Scientist Training Program. He then served as the director of the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, located at Oxford, before being appointed in 2007 to his current position as pro-vice-chancellor.

"I'm quite excited," Monaco told the *Daily*. "I'm really looking forward to advancing Tufts' mission." Monaco reportedly will spend the next few months assimilating to the Tufts community, "to get in touch with [his] colleagues at Tufts and start learning…listening, trying to understand the culture."

Underlying the excitement is seriousness from Monaco about his priorities as the new president. "[I'm] interested in prioritizing the undergraduate experience, diversity, need-blind admissions, Tufts' international perspective and active citizenship," he said. "I'm very much in favor of the final goal of need-blind admissions. We're almost there. … That's a goal that I'd like to take forward, given the work that Larry [Bacow] has done in that area so far."

Sarah Habib '11, the lone student on the search committee told the *Daily*, "Students should feel like their voice was heard. Their concerns and hopes for the future were constantly thought about in every interview and discussion we had about any candidate. Every single candidate was asked about student life in detail. Tony Monaco will keep the students in mind in everything he does."

Monaco will not take his official position until Bacow steps down in June.

Student Assembly Update

by Michael Koester '13
News Writer

Sexual Assault Panel

At last Monday's meeting, members of Hamilton College's Sexual Assault and Violence Education and Support group (Hamilton SAVES) met with Student Assembly representatives. Members included Noelle Niznik, North side Residential Life director, Michael Bethoney '11 and Alexandra Nasto '13.

Niznik explained that she believed alcohol was the "big elephant in the room" when it came to explaining the high incidence of sexual assault on campus. She blamed alcohol as the main and often undervalued contributor to sexual crimes at Hamilton, asserting that the key to stopping sex crimes is to promote responsible drinking on the hill.

Bethoney elaborated by citing statistics showing that males are generally drunker than females during acts of sexual assault; however, acts of rape often involve a sober male and a drunk female. Most instances of assault occur during the first month of the year, and mainly to first-years. When asked about other common characteristics of assault, namely demographics describing offenders, Bethoney quoted Athletic Director and Professor of Physical Education Jon Hind in stating that upperclassmen involved in athletics and Greek life are the most frequent violators. According to Bethoney, the Athletic department has actively worked with Hamilton SAVES in providing athletes education on assault.

Nasto pointed out to representatives that there have not been any official hearings about sexual assault at Hamilton in four years, until the beginning of this year. She is concerned that students are not aware of the process used to prosecute sex offenders—a system described by all three as tedious and extensive. In order to promote awareness and create support for victims who report sex crimes, Nasto and fellow SAVES members have founded Students Against Sexual Assault. This organization seeks to provide a mentorship program composed of fellow students, faculty members and counselors to assist victims long-term throughout the process. This group also seeks to formulate ideas for changes in current campus policies, such as revealing the identity of sexual assaulters to the entire Hamilton community. Another goal is to reform first-year orientation to better educate students on the occurrence and prevention of assault on campus. Many class of 2014 representatives stated that they do not remember anything specific from orientation about sexual assault, and Students Against Sexual Assault wishes to change this. To impress the urgency on first-years to combat sexual assault, Bethoney suggested adding a required course for first-years on sexual assault and harassment awareness (as well as topics in culture, diversity, etc).

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Faculty members at the DSJP-sponsored discussion encouraged students to consider the correlation between alcohol consumption and sexual assault on campus.

Sexual assault discussion emphasizes importance of raising student awareness

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consent hinges upon both parties being "able to make a reasoned decision" and having reason to believe that their partner is equally able to make such a decision.

However, Visiting Instructor of German and Russian Studies Peggy Piesche emphasized that revoking consent is acceptable as well, whether or not the situation or a person's mindset has changed or how intoxicated they may be. "Consent is not a legal moment. It's not like a signature… At any moment [no matter how intoxicated], you can withdraw consent," she explained.

Nancy Rabinowitz, Margaret Bundy Scott professor of Comparative Literature, agreed, saying, "Either one of you can stop, at any time, and think about whether you are conscious enough to understand what you are hearing and respect it." Rabinowitz encouraged students to think about the link between alcohol consumption and sexual assault. "Think about how you drink so that if you want to say no [and revoke consent], you can say no" she said.

Although studies are starting to draw clear links between alcohol and other thought-altering substances and likelihood of sexual assault, students felt that Hamilton's alcohol culture is deeply ingrained already. "No one wants to be the odd one out" and not drink, said one student.

Another student added that although it sometimes becomes painfully obvious that Hamilton is not a safe haven, it is hard to break habits formed early in college. "You come in thinking that Hamilton College is a safe place, and then something happens to your friends or to you that makes you feel unsafe, but it's too late to change your mindset. You've already formed the habit [of going out and drinking]," the student said.

Although one main reason for holding the coffee hour in the first place was to clarify what formed consent, the group agreed that the community needed more education and information. "A lot of men and women don't know that they have committed rape when the line of consent is unclear," said David Walden, a psychologist with the Counseling Center and lecturer in Psychology.

Orientation programming about sexual assault and safety is helpful, but not helpful enough, students said. They also agreed recent discussions on campus are inadequate to properly educate those who need it most – students who may not even realize that they were part of a sexual assault because they did not understand what constituted consent. "It's important for everyone to hear," they said, not just students who opt into the conversation (often in large part because they already agree with the message being conveyed).

The meeting had to be extended past its original end time because of the outpouring of ideas on how to raise awareness, ranging from making "consent is sexy" bracelets to banning all-campus parties to hosting a party of their own. Community members at the meeting agreed, "Causing a ruckus and commotion puts it out in the open, and that's what we need to do."

Entrepreneurial alum offers advice on start-ups

Success in apparel, technology, textiles leads to charitable foundation

by Kate Moore '12
News Editor

The idea of working a "real" job never appealed to Roger Berman '76. In a lecture on his experiences as an entrepreneur, Berman shared the story of how moving out of the family apparel business led to exposure in a range of industries and chartiable functions. Berman worked in apparel for 20 years, ultimately becoming President and CEO of St. Eve International.

But in his mid-30's, Berman realized that there was a lot more he could do with his career. Taking a calculated risk, he decided to join forces with a friend who was starting up his own digital video communications company, becoming co-founder and president of Digital LAVA.

"I didn't own a computer, I didn't know how to use a computer, I didn't even have e-mail," said Berman of his previous experience in the technology industry.

Digital LAVA took off during the first dot-com boom. Berman and his partner introduced the software to the public after investing $21 million, and ultimately sold it to a private company. However, this was only the beginning of Berman's career as an entrepreneur. He went on to set up Lesson Lab, an educational software company, which he later sold to Pearson. Then Berman used his contacts from the apparel industry to start FARO Textiles, an American, Turkish and Bulgarian business of which he is currently president. Berman has also started his own consulting business and maintains several international clients.

What is more, Berman has used his success from his entrepreneurial ventures to establish MiracleFeet, a charitable foundation dedicated to treating children born with club feet, a cause that is important to his family.

"I believe the ability to get that organization up and running is a direct result of my past experience with other start-ups," said Berman.

Berman is currently exploring what he claims will be his last project: developing the first American-style malls in China.

"It's the culmination of everything I've been doing for the past 20 years, since I decided to take a leap of faith and found a software company," said Berman.

Despite his great success as an entrepreneur, Berman is careful when offering advice to students who are interested in starting their own businesses after graduating from Hamilton. While he appreciates the sentiment behind the trite "You can do anything!" message in every commencement address, he says that this is ultimately unrealistic. Risk is an essential part of entrepreneurship, and that risk has to be taken seriously.

In regard to thinking outside-the-box, Berman said, "You can't throw the box out. We all live in the box, you're all going to live in the box. Everybody's box will look different, but you're all going to be in it."

That being said, Berman did offer some concrete advice to the students who became inspired by his experiences. He encouraged students to go to business school and also become fluent in another language, such as Mandarin. He also pointed out that none of the businesses he set up were his idea. He was mostly just lucky to be in the right place at the right time, and understood the value of being able to communicate and listen to other people's ideas. Berman's final piece of advice was to be persistent.

"Don't give up until you've been ready to give up 25 times," he said.

Be true to Buff and Blue

The Citrus Bowl and White-Out are scheduled for this weekend's men's hockey games, so now is a good time to talk about school spirit on the Hill. Our most obvious chance to show it is at sporting events, but Hamilton sporting events rarely draw large and excited crowds. The campus would be a livelier, more unified place if we came together more often for displays of school spirit.

The "typical" popular college sports, football, basketball and ice hockey, do not generally have good student turnout here, even when the teams are successful. Other NESCAC schools have much better attendance at events; the Trinity-Amherst football game this past fall drew over 7,000 spectators, and the Tufts-Bates game saw 2,500 in the stands. Hamilton is lucky to top 1,000 spectators on any given football weekend, and basketball draws far fewer attendees.

School spirit at Hamilton is less visible than it is at other comparable schools. Students here attend all sorts of student-sponsored campus events, such as concerts, charity functions, parties, film screenings and comedy shows. School spirit is present at Hamilton, since students can certainly come together when we feel threatened. But big, get-together, cheer-together sporting events are a rarity at Hamilton.

It is obviously impossible to force a show of school spirit. The traditions that we have, like the Citrus Bowl, still draw students because they are enduring and popular, and giving away free t-shirts doesn't hurt. Though Hamilton only has a few widely observed traditions, we all know that the level of involvement in Hamilton's general social scene is tremendous.

Perhaps Hamilton can organize similar, Citrus Bowl-style activities at other sporting events. The Hamilton-Middlebury football game is the "Rockingchair Classic," so why can't the College sponsor a giveaway for that, too? The College could give out rally towels and encourage all in attendance to wave them. Basketball games could have regular free t-shirt giveaways during halftime. Hamilton may well have great school spirit within its tight-knit community, but that spirit should be more evident around campus.

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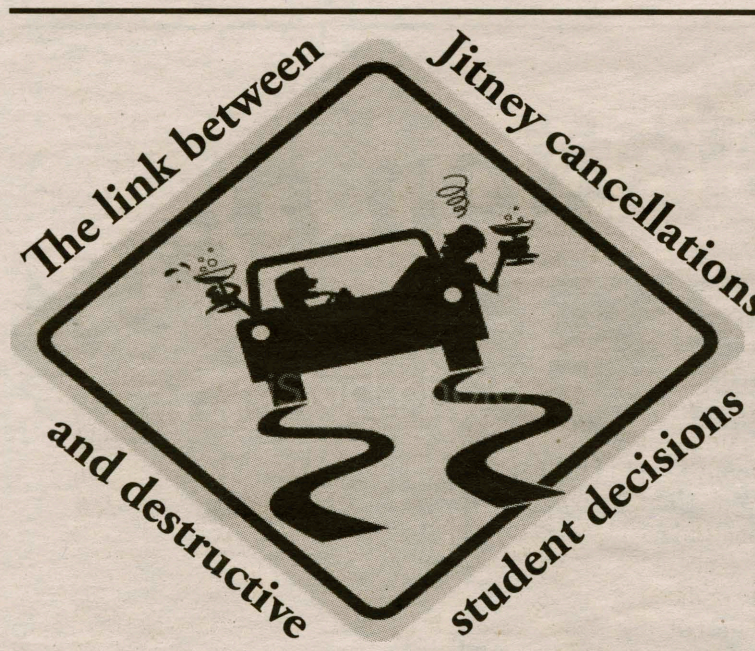


by Blair Casey '13
Opinion Contributor

When I was just a naive young girl applying to Hamilton, I remember my tour guide describing the Hamilton Jitney. After detailing the hourly rounds it makes to Target, the mall, etc. the tour guide added that it transported students up and down the hill "most weekend nights." As a high-schooler with zero knowledge of Hamilton's bar scene, Greek life or downtown housing situation, I remember thinking even then that the fact it only ran "most" nights seemed unusual.

Today, as an enrolled student, it seems like an outrageous oversight and I am embarassed to admit I attend a school that so blatantly allows drunk driving to happen. If I had a dollar for every time I checked my Blackberry and found an email announcing the cancellation of the late-night Jitney, I would have enough money to get trashed at "the Rok."

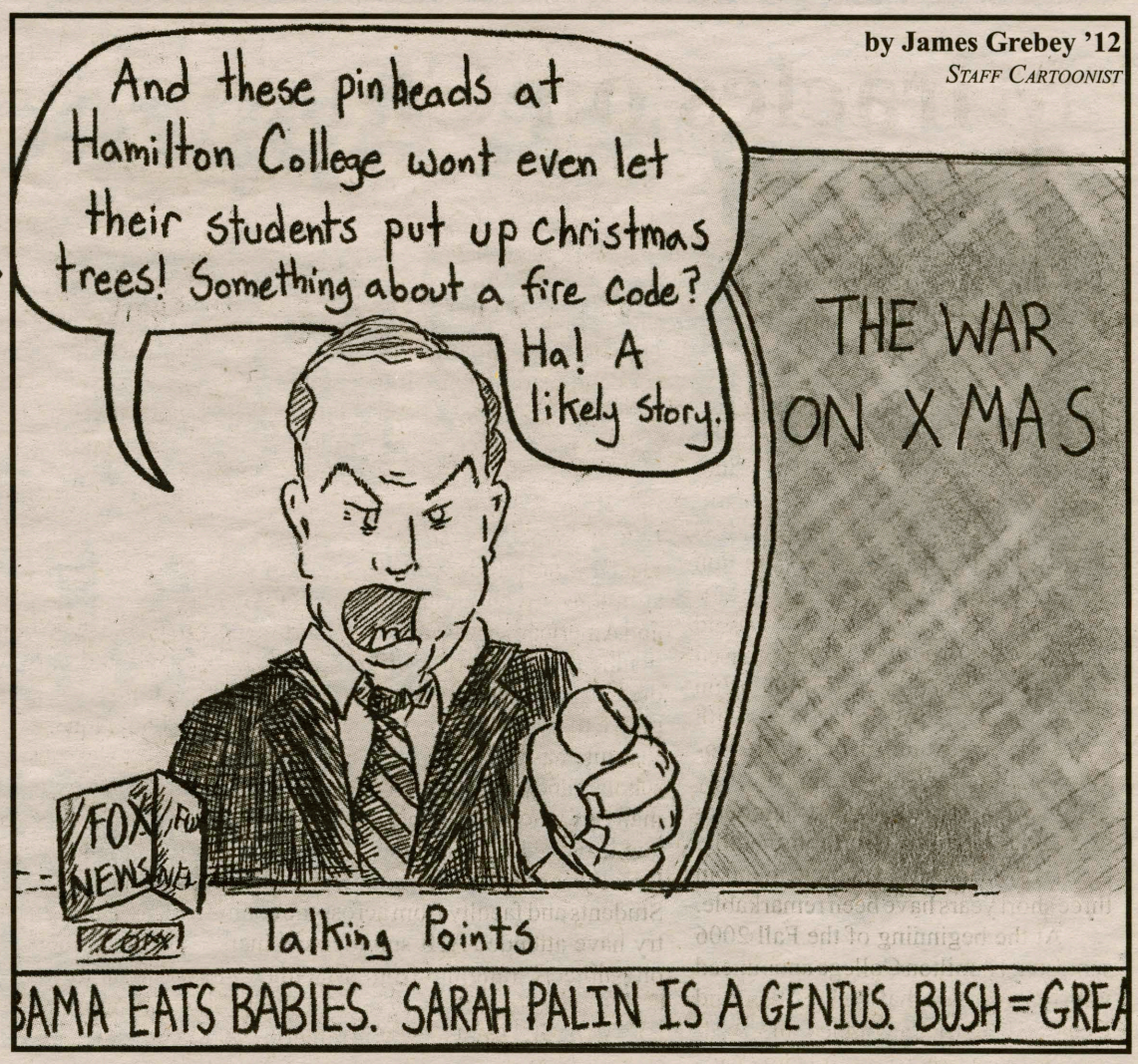
The number of people I know who drive drunk or get in the car with someone who is drunk on nights that the Jitney is not running can only be described as shocking. Yes, individuals are partially to blame for their own poor choices and, yes, as a generation, we have been raised by scare-tactic drunk driving PSAs and we are smart kids who should know better.

None of this changes the fact that every time the Jitney is cancelled due to "scheduling conflicts," droves of students complete their Hill pregames and drive to the Greek houses and bars wasted. I am sure that there are reasons and logistics that the understaffed Jitney gets cancelled. I really do not care either. I care that my friends make it up and down the hill safely and that College Hill Road is not littered with drunk drivers. Our parents shell out 50 grand a year for us to go here. Is a safe ride so much to ask for?

Just down the road at Colgate, a full-sized school bus dubbed "The Colgate Cruiser" drives up and down the hill all night, reliably. For a college that obsessively looks to "peer institutions" for cues on how to act and whom to admit, we are being grossly beat in safety by a main rival with a comparable downtown scene. So what if Colgate has a few hundred more student than us? The Jitney is always crowded, and FYI, it's freezing out. Is this being ignored because there is no category for that in U.S. News and World Report's rankings?

Hamilton administration, guess what? Your students drink a lot of alcohol. Pretending you do not need sober people to shuttle us up and down from parties and bars is not going to brighten the reality of college-age drinking. Sure, Lisa Mags sent an email this week looking for drivers, and yes, this issue earned a footnote in this week's Student Assembly minutes. If the cancellations happen because there aren't enough students to drive the Jitney, then fine, hire more. Hire townies. Hire anyone. It doesn't matter to me and it sure doesn't matter to the blacked out freshman booting in the backseat. Something needs to be done about weekend Jitney cancellation or it is a matter of time before people are seriously hurt or killed. And come on, aren't we all getting a little tired of these candlelight tragedy vigils?

by James Grebey '12
Staff Cartoonist


And these pinheads at Hamilton College wont even let their students put up christmas trees! Something about a fire code?
Ha! A likely story.
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BAMA EATS BABIES. SARAH PALIN IS A GENIUS. BUSH=GREA

Letter to the Editor

Re: "Have conservative speakers initiated a swing to the right?"

The following quote appears in an article written by Scott Milne '14 titled "Have conservative speakers initiated a swing to the right?" published in the Spectator on Nov. 11: "Revisiting the Rosenberg and Churchill controversies, one must remember that a massive community backlash forced the College to rescind their respective invitations."

This statement is not true.

It is well documented, beginning with a death threat recorded on voice mail at the Denver Post, that there were more than 100 threats directed toward University of Colorado professor Ward Churchill, Hamilton's president and Hamilton's community prior to the cancellation of the event in 2005. Quite a few of these were death threats, and five remained under investigation by state and local police for months. One caller announced that he planned to bring a gun to campus.

When the director of campus safety as well as local police told Hamilton that they could not guarantee the safety of our students, the College canceled the event. The safety of our students superseded all else.

Susan Rosenberg withdrew as an artist-in-residence. On December 8, 2004, the Kirkland Project issued a statement sent to the campus community about Susan Rosenberg: "The Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender, Society and Culture regretfully announces that Susan Rosenberg has withdrawn as artist-in-residence for spring 2005."

We would request that this letter be published and that a correction of these errors be made on the Spectator website.

Sincerely,

Vige Barrie
Director of Media Relations

Thumbs Up	Thumbs Down	Who Cares?
Hockey fights lukemia (let's hope this goes better than the season).	Opus closed on Thursday: So that's when KDO meets.	Have a small dick? Come to Shooting Club!
Late night Bar Mitzvah: Finally pairing my two favorite things, awkward pre-teen years and sobriety	Cancer in the water: I suppose it's better than hepatitis at Commons.	No More Deaths ASB trip: Really? What about that annoying person next to you for the 30 hour drive?
Trivia night Christmas list: Maybe after Santa drops down the chimney, Dave Eng's balls will follow suit (or speak into the mic).	Faculty evaluations approach: There are only so many words for unqualified.	Formal season: Because getting your girlfriend pregnant is so much classier in a tie.
Greek life E-board elections: Who's running for TDX?	4 Loko banned in New York state due to lack of hustle.	"Creating a Mindset for Final Exams" lecture: Will there be a free adderall 'scrip?

by Greg Jordan '11, Danielle Mortorano '12, Biff Parker-Magyar '12 and Lesley Ryder '11

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this column are purely of a satirical nature, and are not representative of the views of *The Spectator* editorial board.

Miracles on Clinton's West Park Row

by Professor Theodore Eismeier
Professor of Government

A plaque on a storefront at one end of West Park Row in the Village of Clinton commemorates the remarkable story of two Hamilton graduates purchasing the failing Clinton Pharmaceutical Company in 1887 for five-thousand dollars and turning it into Bristol Myers, one of the world's largest pharmaceutical firms. One hundred and twenty years later, three Hamilton faculty members— Professors Ambrose, Bradfield and Paquette— and some generous benefactors purchased the bankrupt Alexander Hamilton Inn at the other end of West Park Row with the dream of creating a nationally recognized center of excellence in the study of freedom, capitalism and democracy. The Alexander Hamilton Institute (AHI) is young, but its achievements in three short years have been remarkable.

At the beginning of the Fall 2006 semester, Hamilton College announced with great fanfare that the President and Dean of Faculty had signed an agreement to use a generous gift from Hamilton Trustee Carl Menges to establish the Alexander Hamilton Center (AHC) on campus. Soon, however, a majority faction of faculty, ostensibly concerned about issues of "governance," voiced its opposition to the proposed center. When some trustees also raised concerns, the College reneged on the deal. By the end of the semester, the AHC was dead.

Less than a year later, on Constitution Day in 2007, the Alexander Hamilton Institute, an independent 501 c3 organization, rose phoenix-like from the ashes of the Alexander Hamilton Center. Undaunted by the College's flip flop, the founders had gone rogue— securing financial support, purchasing and refurbishing the Inn, recruiting distinguished individuals to serve on AHI's Board of Directors and Board of Academic Advisors and planning ambitious programs.

The results have been stunning. The AHI has held three major national colloquia: on abolitionist Gerrit Smith, Class of 1818 at Hamilton College, on property rights and on the relationship between the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution— with another, on technology and American representative government, planned for this spring with a keynote address by Marc Elias '90. Hamilton students play a major role in these colloquia. The Institute has brought a bevy of prominent scholars and public intellectuals to Clinton, many of whom have spoken at Hamilton and leavened the monotonous fare of politically correct programming on campus. Students and faculty from across the country have attended AHI summer seminars on subjects ranging from Machiavelli and Shakespeare to the works of Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois.

The ranks of AHI Undergraduate Fellows include more than 70 diverse and talented Hamilton students. This spring, several of the fellows will join students from Princeton and Georgetown in presenting papers at a Conference on the American Polity sponsored by the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions and the Tocqueville Forum on the Roots of American Democracy. Fellows regularly attend leadership luncheons with visiting scholars to discuss their work.

Walk in to the AHI on any given night and you will see students engaged in intense intellectual activity on their own time for no credit— participating in a reading group about Friedrich Hayek, discussing the relationship between faith and reason, studying the core texts of the American founding, wading in to current debates about American exceptionalism, arguing about the meaning of the Tea Party or the 2010 election. In most of these events, students interact not only with faculty but with local citizens, making AHI a 21st century Chautauqua.

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As it turned out, the banishing of AHI may have been a blessing in disguise. Without political interference and the bureaucracy that makes academia as nimble as the Titanic, the power of big ideas cutting across disciplinary boundaries has fueled AHI's development. In contrast to some outfits on the Hill, AHI has almost no administrative overhead. The stately headquarters in Clinton has become a home away from home for students looking for engagement, civility and intellectual diversity.

Hamilton is fortunate to have such a neighbor. AHI could enhance the Hamilton brand just as the Madison Program does for Princeton and the Tocqueville Forum does for Georgetown. Yet, the College has not welcomed AHI with open arms, moving from thinly veiled hostility to what might be charitably described as benign neglect. While students flock to AHI, some members of the faculty shun it.

To the administration and faculty, I offer this advice: If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. AHI is not a right wing redoubt. It is a big tent of scholars, students and citizens having serious and civil discussions about important issues. Hamilton College's proclaimed commitment to diversity ought to include intellectual diversity. To students, I extend this invitation: Join the miracle on West Park Row. In this "unsafe zone," your ideas will be tested and challenged, and you will encounter those with whom you disagree. But you will enjoy every minute in this passionate and supportive community of learning that is restoring some of the best traditions of a Hamilton education.

Four years have passed since the College snatched defeat from the jaws of victory by voting for the AHC before voting against it. With the announcement just last month of a major multi-year grant to support its innovative programming, AHI's star continues to soar. Perhaps the time is coming to hit the reset button in relations between the Hamilton on the Hill and the Hamilton on the Row.

Increased awareness of sexual assaults make the Hamilton "bubble" seem fragile

by Lauren Magaziner '12
Opinion Contributor

The Hamilton "bubble" may seem like an apt nickname, but this campus is not entirely safe. Admittedly, I have realized that we are somewhat safer than other places in the world; over Thanksgiving dinner my cousin recounted his experience at a city school, where students are in danger of being shot on a daily basis just when leaving the dorm. Hamilton is unequivocally safer than big cities.

"Compared to living in Lima, Peru, Hamilton's pretty okay," said Erica Kowz '11, who lived on the street where Natalie Holloway's killer, Joran van der Sloot, murdered his second victim.

However, although Hamilton is comparatively safer, the security of this campus is far from perfect.

One major safety complaint is that the lights on campus are insufficient; the north side of campus is particularly dark at night.

Writing Center Director Sharon Williams said, "The parking lots are too dark. At least this one up by Babbitt is… it's kind of creepy."

Along those lines, there are not nearly enough safety lights on campus. The safety lights that do exist on campus are in obscure locations, like Griffin Road, Major Parking Lot, and the path to Wertimer and Wally J. The emergency lights are not on any of the main paths. If ever anyone was actually in danger, he or she would most certainly be unable to get to a blue light.

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Hypothetical incidents aside, strangers walking into random rooms are a true problem. In 2008, a strange man walked into a room in Milbank and attempted to assault the student and the same sort of incident was reported in Minor this semester. Even though our Hill cards are supposed to keep out intruders, the strangers can easily crawl through a window or follow students who are going into a dorm. I know that I personally have held the door for people even if I did not know them, just assuming that they are parents or employees. One dorm does not even lock at all (but for security's sake, I won't mention it here!).

Of course, the biggest safety issue is sexual assault, which happens at Hamilton more than we like to admit. Sexual assault is regrettably hushed. This semester, Dean of Students Nancy Thompson has sent several important community notices about the incidences of sexual assault on campus. These emails increase awareness but not enough. Too many people are naively unaware of how many sexual assaults happen on this campus. The statistics are frightening; according to Hamilton SAVES, one in every four females at Hamilton College will be raped during their four years on the Hill.

There are countless incidents that have not been brought before the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Board, and most girls do not report incidents of sexual assault. Statistically, one Hamilton student will be assaulted each weekend, according to Nicole Niznik, Residential Life Northside Area Director and Hamilton SAVES member. While Hamilton reports the cases that have been brought to the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Board, the administration does not educate the campus community about the frequency of sexual assault that actually exists on the Hill.

Amanda Barnes '12 said, "Part of the safety problem is lack of information about personal safety efficacy. Although 'Sex Signals' was informative, the recent sexual assaults on campus indicate that it's not enough education for the community at large. Beyond recognizing dangerous situations, people need to learn about preemptively avoiding a situation that might become dangerous."

Although Hamilton is not the most dangerous place, these issues should not be ignored. Relative safety is not a good enough supplement for a wholly secure environment. To rectify the safety issues, the administration might consider installing more lights, putting emergency lights in more obvious places, reevaluating the effectiveness of the Hill card system, and educating the community about the harrowing sexual assault facts.

Titus Andronicus redefines punk with their unique sound and energy

by Claire Gavin '14
ARTS & ENT CONTRIBUTOR

"Punk rock" carries with it many associations: rebellion, aggression and Sid Vicious, but perhaps not "friendship." But on Saturday, Nov 13, Titus Andronicus turned the Events Barn into a punk-rock love fest. After Hamilton's own Big Cat warmed up the crowd with their raucous set, the Glen Rock, N.J.

"It was hard to tell who was having more fun: the frantically dancing crowd or the band themselves."

natives took the stage. Frontman Patrick Stickles immediately made it clear that the night would be a friendly affair, asking the crowd "not to get in the way of anyone else's good time" and saying they "looked like little angels."

With that said, the band launched into their set, which sounded as though Bright Eyes and Flogging Molly had a child and then raised it on Bruce Springsteen and New Jersey garage punk. They had an irresistible raw energy that even the few people who weren't huddled close to the stage couldn't seem to resist.

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Titus Andronicus have redefined punk and made it accessible to a wider crowd of fans, evidenced by the attendance at their concert.

It was hard to tell who was having more fun: the frantically dancing crowd or the band themselves. Stickles' vocals were certainly not always spot on, but it didn't matter. What mattered was that he was giving it his all, delivering the words with a sincerity rarely seen in popular music these days. Perhaps most impressive of all was guitarist Amy Klein who adeptly switched between guitar and violin, adding a unique twist to the band's rock sound.

The band made sure to keep any divide between themselves and the audience to a minimum, with Stickles' even going so far as to ask the crowd the question universally asked of all college students: "What's your major?", with the difference that it seemed as if he would really like to know. While the band's onstage banter was decidedly laid-back, their music is not. A number of songs started out slow, before exploding into an aggressive wave of guitars and Stickes' yells of "You will always be a loser" from the band's song "No Future Part Three: Escape from No Future."

Despite the aggressive nature of his band's music, Stickles' ended the show on a decidedly positive note, telling the crowd "punk is about friendship" and that "this has been a really good time." The band then ended by playing "Four Score and Seven," with its refrain of "It's still us against them" perfectly summing up the feeling of the night. While Stickles earnestly sang the words, everyone in the crowd put their arms around each other and swayed in time to the music. It was a strange, and yet moving, sight. Titus Andronicus put on an awesome show and definitely changed my mind about what punk should mean.

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Jazz ensemble to play winter concert

by Elaheh Nozari '13
ARTS & ENT CONTRIBUTOR

Jazz enthusiasts and applied music students looking to fulfill a concert requirement before the end of the semester can look forward to the Hamilton College Jazz Ensemble's winter concert. Directed by Professor Michael "Doc" Woods, the Jazz Ensemble is a full big band comprised of five saxophones, five trombones, four trumpets and four rhythm section players. The large size of the ensemble allows for its sections to strive for both great creativity and a wide dynamic range.

Big bands became popular during the Swing era of American jazz in the 1930s and 40s. Hamilton's band will perform both new and classic standard repertoire big band arrangements written by critically acclaimed composers, including saxophonist Frank Foster formerly of the Count Basie Orchestra, trumpeter Jeff Jarvis,and saxophonist Mike Tomaro. Doc Woods will also debut one of his own pieces, "Every Once in a While."

According to Woods, knowing the language of jazz is synonymous with being a good soloist, and as such, the concert will feature many student soloists. He states that growth is an important factor in measuring students' solo abilities and improvement from last year's performances shows a better understanding of jazz. Some standout performers in this year's ensemble who embody these qualities are Wes Hughes '11, Brandon Kline '11, brothers Jared '11 and Jacob Schneider '14, Tim Carman '11, Sean Ryan '11, Ian Wayne '12, Charlie Kaplan '11 and Ben Wilson '11. Woods also lauded the artistry of the band as a whole, saying that their performances reflected a "certain amount of creativity that represents the entire student body at Hamilton."

The Jazz Ensemble will perform in Wellin at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3. The concert is free and will be open to the public.

Weekly Charts

MUSIC

(billboard.com)

TOP SONGS

1. Rihanna— "Only Girl (In the World)"
2. P!nk—"Raise Your Glass"
3. Far East Movement feat. Cataracs & Dev—"Like a G6"
4. Ke$ha— "We R Who We R"
5. Nelly—"Just a Dream"

TOP ALBUMS

1. Susan Boyle—*The Gift*
2. Jackie Evancho—*O Holy Night*
3. Rihanna—*Loud*
4. Josh Groban—*Illuminations*
5. Kid Rock—*Born Free*

MOVIES

(imdb.com)

1. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 1*
2. *Tangled*
3. *Megamind*
4. *Burlesque*
5. *Unstoppable*

BOOKS

(New York Times "Best Sellers")

PAPERBACK FICTION

1. *Happy Ever After,* by Nora Roberts
2. *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo,* by Stieg Larsson
3. *The Girl Who Played With Fire,* by Stieg Larsson
4. *House Rules,* by Jodi Picoult
5. *Cutting for Stone,* by Abraham Verghese

PAPERBACK NON-FICTION

1. *Inside of a Dog,* by Alexandra Horowitz
2. *Eat, Pray, Love,* by Elizabeth Gilbert
3. *Heaven Is For Real,* by Todd Burpo & Lynn Vincent
4. *Stones Into Schools,* by Greg Mortensen
5. *Just Kids,* by Patti Smith

CAB provides night of indie electronica duos

by Taylor Coe '13 & Lily Gillespie '12
Arts & Entertainment Editors

If you've seen the completely black posters with letters eerily emerging from the background and wondered what it was all about, this is Phantogram, the duo who will be performing this Saturday as part of CAB's concert series. Phantogram is the duo Josh Carter and Sarah Bartel, both from Saratoga Springs, NY. After achieving success in their hometown under the name Charlie Everywhere, the pair signed with BBE Records in 2009 under their current title. After signing with BBE, they opened for other indie bands such as Metric, the xx, Ra Ra Riot and others. Only recently, Carter and Bartel left BBE to sign with the label Barsuk Records, which represents larger acts like Rilo Kiley and Death Cab for Cutie.

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Phantogram, the electronic duo from upstate New York performing this Saturday.

Although Phantogram has released only two EPs and a single full-length album, the critical response has been generally positive. Even the online music blog cokemachineglow, notoriously snarky in most of their reviews, comments that the album is "entirely likable, paced well and efficiently, dishing out a little something for everybody but never seemingly exhausted by this task." Other reviewers managed a more straightforwardly upbeat tone regarding Phantogram's album, such as Lou Thomas's review for BBC, lauding the duo for their "greater willingness to embrace the experimental and a few different influences mark the newer band out as being an odder but equally exciting proposition."

In a discussion of their first album on their website, Barthel tells how she and Carter "ran across a description of dreams somewhere that used the phrase 'eyelid movies'—and it really struck us both as something that fit our music." Carter went on to explain how "daydreams, the spots you see moving around when your eyes are closed tight, and the shapes you see in the world—those are the kinds of things we want to surface in your mind when you hear a Phantogram song." The description Barthel and Carter found likely comes from avant-garde film director Stan Brakhage, who suggests lightly pressing your fingers to your eyelids in order to induce "eyelid movies" or "hypagogic (relating to the state before sleep) imagery."

Phantogram will be joined by opening act The Polyamorous Affair, another male-female duo

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The Polyamorous Affair, who will open for Phantogram

consisting of Eddie Chacon and Sissy Saint-Marie. Although based out of Los Angeles, both members currently reside in Berlin. Their most recent album, *Strange Bedfellows*, was praised by Poorhouse Media and Management for how it "breathes and pulsates with vibrancy and balance."

This two-part show should be remarkably similar to last year's CAB concert with MNDR and Yacht. Yacht—another electronica-pop male-female duo—gave a fine performance to a large crowd in the Fillius Events Barn. Not only does this concert promise to be equally entertaining, but Phantogram may well prove itself as an important indie band in the future. Barsuk Records has proved a competent track record with winners Rilo Kiley, Death Cab for Cutie and Ra Ra Riot.

The show will be on Saturday, Dec. 4 in the Fillius Events Barn. Polyamorous Affair will go on at 8 p.m. and Phantogram at 9 p.m.

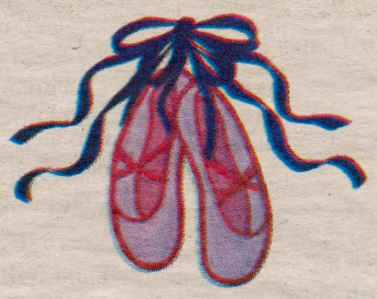
A&E weekly schedule

Sex, Drugs, Rock & Roll
by Eric Bogosian
presented by
Sam Bristol '11
Saturday, Dec. 4 and Sunday, Dec. 5
Minor Theater, 8 p.m.

Bobby Peru
Sketch Comedy Show
Thursday, December 9
8:30 p.m. Events Barn

College Vespers Singers
Sunday, December 5
4 p.m.
CHAPEL

Choreographers' Showcase



Friday, December 3 and
Saturday, December 4
Blood Fitness Center7 p.m.

ORCHESTRA
Chamber Ensembles Concert
Saturday, December 4
8 p.m. Wellin Hall

Orchestra Fall Concert
Thursday, December 9
8 p.m. Wellin Hall

Student Soloists Concert
Friday, December 10
7 p.m. Wellin Hall

FROM WHERE I SIT
HAMILTON'S INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

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by Duy Vo '14
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Duy is a member of the HEOP program and his family comes from Vietnam.

Thanksgiving: what a wonderful word. It's a time of thanks and gratitude toward each other, and for most Hamilton students, it is a time to relax after stressful weeks of papers and exam and is an escape from the tedious and lifeless food of Commons. In a span of ten days, our miniature vacation is filled with extended naps and periods of time where the work due the up and coming Monday could have been done, but is left for the last possible minute. Also, Thanksgiving is the only time where gaining 10 pounds in a day is actually smiled upon.

So after almost three months without a home cooked meal, Hamilton students are downright eager to leave the nerve-wrecking work on campus and be welcomed and satisfied by worrying parents. So after a sleep-filled four-hour drive back home, I, like many of my fellow scholars, was rushed inside and pampered by an overzealous mother, who had cooked all of my favorite dishes that night. After savoring every bite and retelling all of my collegiate accomplishments so far, I was finally allowed to indulge into my long-missed bed. Now after failing to achieve the 24-hour sleep session and having so much free time, I began to salivate at the feast that was approaching.

Part of the few traditional American holidays, Thanksgiving began first as a celebratory feast between the Pilgrims and Indians as a way of giving thanks. After 200 or so years, the Thanksgiving feast has slowly evolved to include some essential food groups: the turkey, the stuffing, the mashed potatoes and the gravy. However, for many ethnic families, theres so much more to be added to dinner table. Every family is different, and thus, they all have different traditions.

For me, coming from a Vietnamese heritage, the dinner table is filled with more than just turkey. Every year, each of my aunts would make some type of traditional Vietnamese food whether it be egg roll, soup or even fried rice. Just trying a little bit of everything can easily lead to food coma. In my Thanksgiving dinner, everything begins with the turkey, chicken and even duck, then it stretches to include enough food to feed over 20 people. Every year, all of family would just celebrate it together at one of my aunts' houses and the day would extend way past midnight. Also, another tradition is the classic turkey sandwich filled with stuffing, mashed potatoes and all of the leftovers the next day.

Unlike most American families, our table may be missing some key dishes that are important to your table such as cranberry sauce, yams with marshmallows on top or even the delicious apple pie. In a broad sense, Thanksgiving is a tradition that just keeps growing and every family has a unique and special way of celebrating it. So now after a long break, we appreciate the different Thanksgivings everyone has, whether it's based on where they live in America or from where they came from in the world.
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Dorm room delicacy:
Layered holiday cookie mix jar

by Elizabeth P. Starnes '11
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

This time of year, it seems like there's always a holiday or an occasion that requires a present. Instead of spending tons of money on impersonal gifts, make one trip to the grocery store and you can make inexpensive, thoughtful gifts for everyone on your list. Trust me, I'm not suggesting you make this in all your free time between now and finals week, but it might take a weight off knowing you don't have to head straight to an overcrowded mall once you're home. Everyone loves cookies, and you can use this simple recipe as a starting point, personalizing the flavors depending on the preference of your recipient. You could swap the M & M's out for any hard chocolate candy, or add a tablespoon or two of cocoa powder to turn the cookies into chocolate. You can buy the glass mason jars at some grocery stores or at a craft store, and you can get as creative as you like decorating them. Cut fabric, some ribbon, or a nice label - just don't forget to attach the recipe!

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Ingredients
3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup white sugar
1 1/2 cups mini candy-coated chocolates (like M & M's)
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Directions

In a clean one liter sized clear glass mason jar, layer the ingredients in the order given above starting with the brown sugar and ending with the flour mixed with the baking soda.

Attach a card around the jar with the following directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line one baking sheet with parchment paper. Empty the contents of the jar into a large bowl and mix until all the ingredients are well combined. Using your hands, stir in ¾ of a cup softened **salted butter** until the whole thing resembles big crumbs. Beat one large room temperature **egg** with one-tablespoon **vanilla extract**. Stir this into the flour mixture until everything is thoroughly mixed. The dough should still be a little bit crumbly. Shape the dough into one-inch balls and place them each two inches apart on your baking sheet. Lightly flatten the dough with the palm of your hand. Bake the cookies for 10 to 14 minutes or until the edges are light golden brown. Remove the cookies to a rack to cool.

Makes about two dozen cookies.

Logic Puzzle #1011.3: Tough Grader

by Russell Marcus
PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The Puzzle

Alex: Is that your grade on the top of that paper?
Bob: Yeah.
Alex: Is that out of 100?
Bob: Uh-huh. My professor gives us some really tough quizzes. That's the fourth one.
Alex: What are your other grades?
Bob: Put it this way: the product of my first three quizzes is 2450, while their sum is twice the grade you just saw, which was the fourth quiz.
Alex: Hmm...That doesn't quite answer the question.
Bob: You're right. I forgot to mention that the product of my two lowest grades is less than my highest grade.
Alex: Ah, that clears it up.

What were Bob's four grades?

Rules

Solutions to Puzzle #1011.3: Tough Grader may be sent to puzzle@hamilton.edu, or, via campusmail, to Russell Marcus, Philosophy Department. Make sure to include your contact information with your solution. A winner will be chosen among those who submit satisfactory solutions. Any one may play the puzzle, but only current Hamilton College students may win prizes.

Prizes

Prize winners receive a t-shirt or mug from Lulasail, home of the best philosophy t-shirts on the web.

The Deadline for Puzzle #1011.3 is Monday, December 6, at 4pm. All entries must be received by that time.

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Holiday Drinks Special

Hamilton's winter wonderland weather got you in a festive mood? Crank up the Christmas carols and keep warm with these fun seasonal cocktails!

White Christmas
- ❄4 oz. eggnog
- ❄2 oz. Southern Comfort
- ❄1 oz. white chocolate liquer

Serve topped with chocolate shavings or nutmeg.

Candy Cane Martini
- ❄3 oz. Vodka
- ❄2 oz. Peppermin Schnapps
- ❄1 oz. crème de menthe

Serve in a Martini glass rimmed with crushed candy canes.

Blizzard
- ❄4 oz. cramberry juice
- ❄2 oz. whiskey
- ❄1 oz. grenadine
- ❄2 tbsp. lime juice

Top with a cherry

Mighty Menorah
- ❄4 oz. pineapple juice
- ❄2 oz. berry vodka.
- ❄1 oz. peach Schnapps
- ❄2 tbsp. lime juice

Stir well and serve with ice.

Toboggan Ride
- ❄1 cup hot chocolate
- ❄2 oz. Peppermint Schnapps
- ❄Candycane for garnish

Top with whipped cream and serve in your favorite holiday mug.

Strawberry Snowball
- ❄3 parts vodka
- ❄2 part strawberry Schnapps

Blend with ice and serve in a Martini glass.

Please note: *Those under 21 should omit alcohol from all holiday drinks or they will get only coal from Santa Claus. For those over 21, please drink responsibly.*

Student Assembly Elections

Knute Gailor and Nico Keller-Sarmiento

As members of the Student Assembly, Knute Gailor and Nico Keller-Sarmiento have created solutions to campus problems by listening, working hard, and building consensus. Their accomplishments this year include working as members of the Facilities committee to see lighting installed between the Library and Eells and organizing the Celebration of Diversity at Hamilton as members of the Culture and Accessibility Committee. As part of the Technology Committee, Knute led last year's successful campaign to save cable T.V. While it is Nico's first year on the assembly, he looks forward to assuming a more active role on campus. Both approachable and cooperative sophomores, Nico and Knute seek to promote and uphold Hamilton's positive values.

Knute and Nico will strengthen the Hamilton community by continuing the dialogues started this semester on promoting tolerance and eliminating sexual assault, fostering a discussion on double major/minor policy, and ensuring that campus organizations receive fair and adequate funding. Their work ethic, commitment to the campus community, and willingness to listen will help us ensure that the Student Assembly represents every member of the student body equally and effectively. Please vote for them on Monday, December 6.

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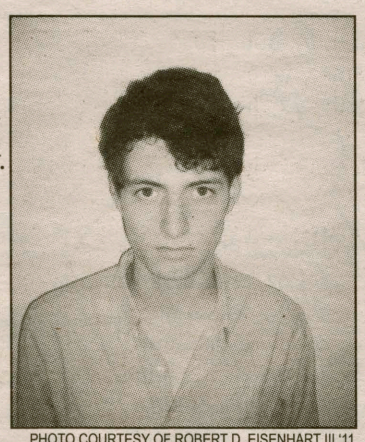
Bachelor & Bachelorette of the Week

Robert D. Eisenhart III '11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Hometown: *Seattle, WA.*
Major: *World Politics & French.*
Turn On? *Smoking.*
Turn Off? *People who hate on smoking.*
If you were a dorm which would you be and why? *North because I live in obscurity.*
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians which would you pick and why? *Caribou and Digitalism, together they would create one seriously cracked out bionic masterpiece (or monster, depending on who you asked).*
If you were God, what would be the first thing you'd do to the world? *Make weekends longer and the weeks shorter.*
If you had to create a new points system what would be the #1 offense? *Weaering white tube socks in public.*
What advertising slogan best describes your life?
"Results may vary."
What movie genre best describes you? *Foreign Drama.*
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you?
"Your hair is such a mess, just take off that dress."
If you could have any super power what would it be and why?
The ability to "write effectively" because I would probably do better in school.
What is your hidden talent? *Being obnoxious...but that's not really a "hidden" talent.*
What is your spirit animal and why? *An arctic fox because I'm not a very warm person and a fox appraoched me when I was running on G-Road over the summer. I saw it as a "sign."*
If you were a cold cut, which would you be and why? *Cold cuts sort of make me want to vom, but if I had to choose I would say blood sausage since that is the weirdest cold cut I have ever tried.*
If you were any social space what would it be and why?
Post-renovation ELS Basement because it has a lot of potential.
If you could join one group on campus what would it be and why? *HEAT, because I like to be the center of attention at parties. I also like dancing.*
If you could get rid of one group on campus what would it be and why? *People Who Like to Do Fun Things. I've never seen them doing anything I would consider "fun."*
What would you say is your most attractive quality?
Maybe my legs, possibly my cheekbones.
If you could trade jobs with anyone at Hamilton for a day who would it be? *The people at ResLife.*
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it which would you choose? *Smoking indoors.*
What would you give a thumbs up?
All of the women who don't tell people their entire life story as they are swiping Hill cards in the dining halls.
What would you give a thumbs down? *Anyone and everyone who makes noise on the 3rd floor of the library.*
Who would you say is your campus crush?
I'm a little self-obsessed, but if I had to choose it would be anyone working the Effy Stonem aesthetic.
Who would you say is your faculty crush? *Charlotte Lee.*
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room?
A picture of Milbank.

Emma Leeds '12

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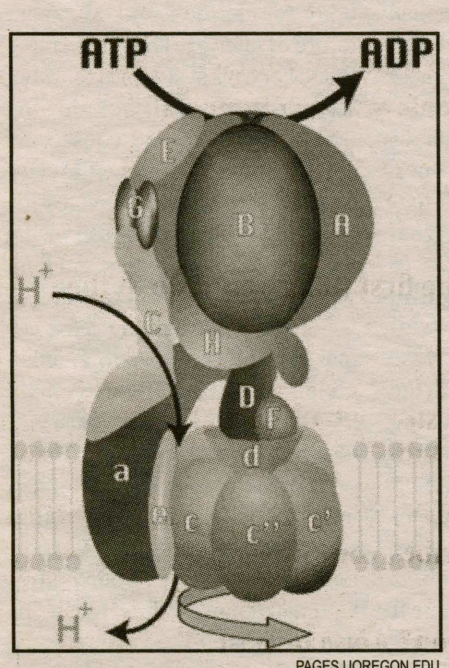
Hometown: *Weston, CT.*
Major: *Sociology, with Psychology and Dance double minor.*
Turn On? *If he can dance.*
Turn Off? *If he* thinks *he can dance.*
What is your worst habit?
Snoring.
If you were a dorm which would you be and why? *Babbitt because mi casa es su casa.*
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two celebrities which would you pick and why?
Jason Mraz and Missy Elliot because he's got the remedy and she ti sesrever dna ti spilf.
If you were God, what would be the first thing you'd do to the world?
Fix the job market... I'd like to get paid someday.
If you had to create a new points system what would be the #1 offense?
Being obnoxiously loud in the library.
What advertising slogan best describes your life?
"*Think outside the bun."*
What movie genre best describes you? *Musical Sci-Fi.*
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you?
"You're the prettiest, smartest girl on the Dance Team."
If you could have any super power what would it be and why?
The ability to fly so I can avoid the Jitney and fly up the hill from downtown.
What is your hidden talent? *I can roll my stomach.*
What is your spirit animal and why? *A cat because I'm channelling the dance team.*
If you were a cold cut, which would you be and why? *Anything that works in a Stromboli.*
If you were any social space what would it be and why?
Wherever HEAT is performing because everywhere we go the roof is on fiyah.
If you could join one group on campus what would it be and why? *Blue Vinyl because ATM is SO cool.*
If you could get rid of one group on campus what would it be and why? *Mock Trial because the captains smell like poop.*
What would you say is your most attractive quality?
I don't know, ask Sumi Nair.
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it which would you choose? *Having a lava lamp.*
If you could trade jobs with anyone at Hamilton for a day what would it be? *Jon Hind.*
What would you give a thumbs up? *Zak and Danny.*
What would you give a thumbs down?
No Opus on Thursday nights.
Who would you say is your campus crush? *Jesse Arroyave because he's so dreamy on the soccer field.*
Who would you say is your faculty crush?
Aurelie Van de Wiele.
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room?
A Star Wars poster, Sumi Nair, a Renaissance-style painting by Liza Ruemelin, a hand-sewn cookie... take your pick.

Cellular acidity and complex life: Dr. Patty Kane of SUNY Upstate explains how cells maintain their pH, and how pH allows the funtion of complex organisms

by Julia Litzky '12
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Last Monday, Nov. 30, Dr. Patty Kane, of SUNY Upstate, presented a new conception of how cells regulate their pH, and therefore control the processing and use of proteins. pH is a measure of the proportion of hydrogen in a solution. The more hydrogen present, the more acidic the solution, and the lower the pH. Eukaryotic species, which include mammals, plants and fungi, are able to be as complex as they are because they contain compartments within each cell, such as the nucleus, and mitochondria and Golgi apparatus. Since these compartments can have different pH levels, they can have widely different functions, allowing for a much wider variety of proteins and cellular functions, such as protein sorting and degradation.



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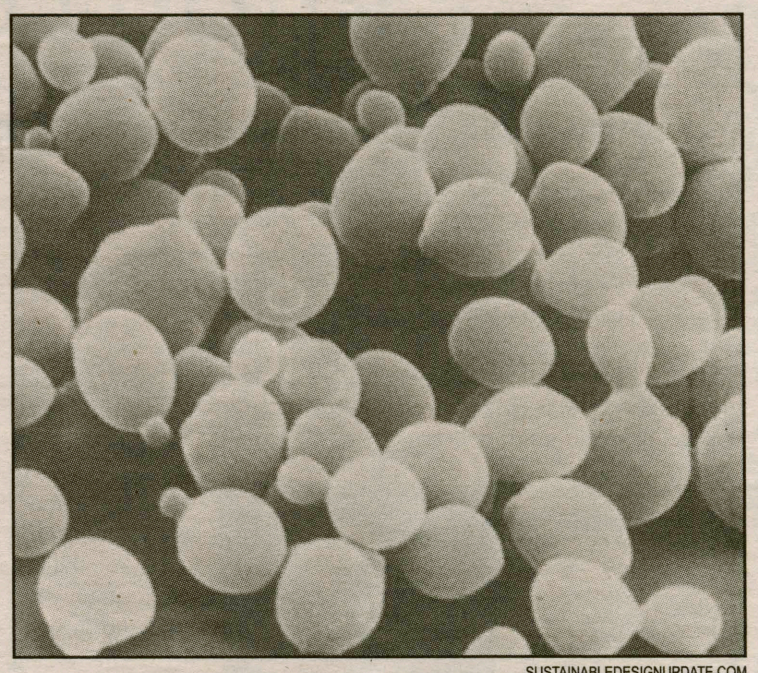
The pH of intracellular compartments is regulated by a V-ATPase pump, which moves hydrogen by converting ATP to ADP.

For example, our immune systems would not work with out this specification. Immune cells work by absorbing bacteria into the cell and encasing it membrane. The compartment is then acidified, resulting in the disassembly of the proteins forming the bacteria.

This mechanism is also used to store neurotransmitters, the chemical signals sent between neurons, into compartments so that they can be released into the extracellular space and detected by another neuron or cell. Prokaryotes, such as bacteria, do not contain such compartments, and therefore have much more simplistic function and cannot form complex organisms where multiple cells work together, such as in humans.

The previous understanding of cellular pH indicated that the pH inside these compartments was regulated separately from the pH of the cytosol, which fills the inside of cells and is usually about a pH of 7 (the pH of water). V-ATPase pumps, proteins that convert the protein ATP to ADP by removing a phosphate, regulate the pH of the compartments. This process releases energy, changing the conformation of the V-ATPase and pushing hydrogen across the membrane.

Kane was interested in what would happen to a cell without these V-ATPases. To explore this, she used genetically altered yeast, a type of fungi, which have V-ATPases that are 60 percent similar to those found in humans and which can be replaced by mammalian V-ATPases without changing the yeast's ability to function. Yeast can survive without their V-ATPases as long as they are kept in a solution with low pH. To test cellular pH, Kane put fluorescent dyes in the cells. These dyes react to florescent light differently based on the pH of the area they are in. These mutant cells, though, maintain different cytoplasmic pH levels then yeast cells that aren't mutated.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Kane uses yeast, which can survive without their V-ATPase pumps, to study how cells regulate their internal pH levels.

Why does the lack of pumps for the intracellular compartment effect the pH of the cytoplasm? In yeast, cytosolic pH is controlled by a Pma1p pump, a protein that pushes hydrogen out of the cell when it converts ATP to ADP (in exactly the same way as the V-ATPase pump). In humans, cytoplasmic pH is controlled by a different protein, which exchanges hydrogen outside of the cell for sodium inside the cell. Kane found that when the V-ATPase pumps were not present on the intracellular compartments, the Pma1p pumps were removed from the membrane of the cell and were internalized, preventing them from changing the cytoplasmic pH. As Kane explained, "Cells seem to be fighting to keep the cells that should be acidic even a little acidic." This revealed a previously unknown protein-protein interaction.

Energy competition results are in, Hamilton near bottom

by Ben Trachtman '12
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

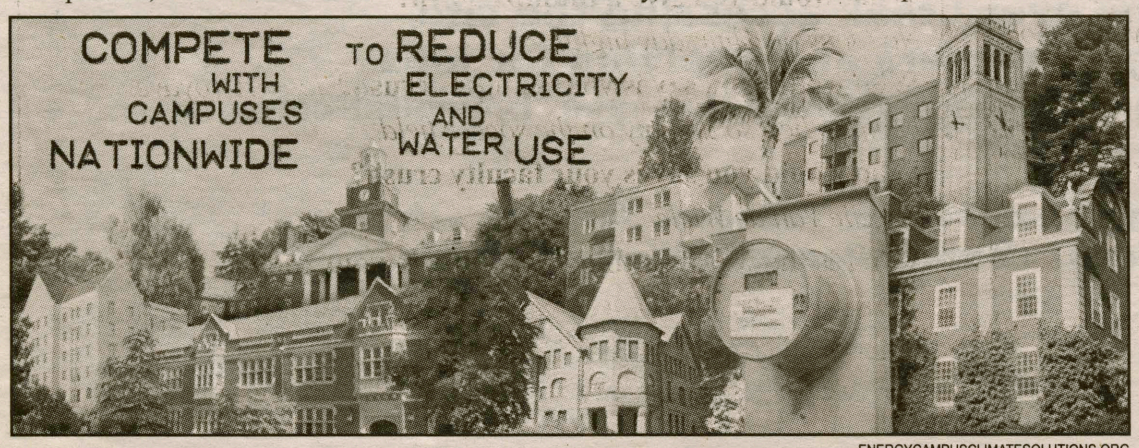
The beginning of our Thanksgiving break marked the end of the Campus Conservation Nationals, a competition between 40 schools across the country to reduce energy usage on campus. Hamilton came in 36th place by increasing its electricity usage by 7.9 percent between Nov. 1st and 19th. The winning school, DePauw University, reduced its energy usage by over 25 percent.

Of the 29 dorms on campus being monitored for energy use, only five of them decreased their electricity use over the time period. Major placed first on campus by reducing its energy use by 23.9 percent; Woollcott came in last with a 36.8 percent increase.

Among other buildings on campus, Schambach Hall has used the most electricity over the past three months. In the past, the Science Center has regularly consumed the most energy on campus. A recent spike in Schambach Hall's energy consumption has pushed its energy total to over three million kilowatt-hours in the past three months, compared to the Science Center's consumption of about 1.8 million kilowatt-hours.

Although Hamilton did not have a particularly good showing in the competition, the competition itself proved to be an effective way to reduce energy consumption. The 40 schools collectively saved 510,191 kilowatt-hours of electricity, averted releasing 817,700 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and saved $50,337 in energy expenditures over the 19-day period.

Hopefully Hamilton's poor performance will help to increase awareness of energy wastefulness on campus, especially when contrasted with the 24 schools who managed to reduce their energy consumption. The first real taste of winter makes conserving energy harder to do because so much energy is lost as heat, but simple practices such as keeping your windows closed can help to reduce these losses. Hamilton's Building Dashboard, located at http://buildingdashboard.net/hamilton/, is always active and provides real-time data on energy use on campus.



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Off-campus science news this week...

Physicists isolate antimatter

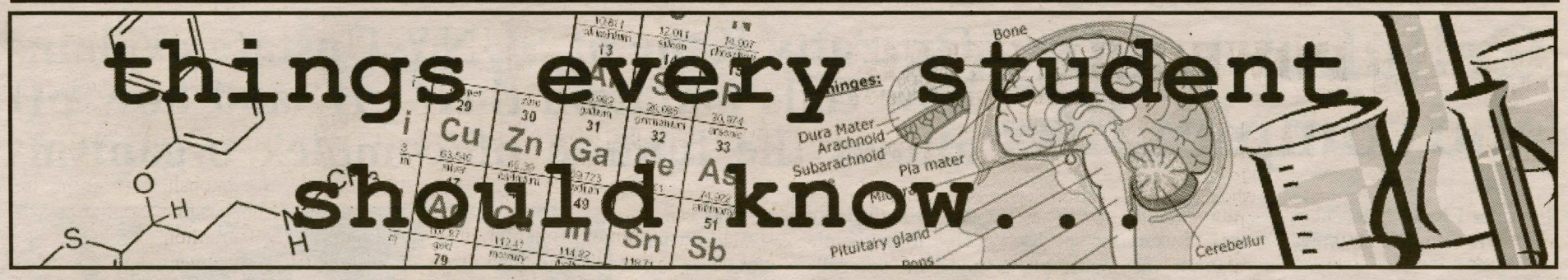
Researchers at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) have successfully created and trapped antimatter for the first time. They were able to create several atoms of antihydrogen, which they then contained using a magnetic field. The production of antimatter is a breakthrough for physics, allowing scientists to test its properties and behaviors in order to confirm or modify current theories on the nature of antimatter.

Google looks to compete with Kindle, other e-readers

Google is planning to launch its e-book store "Editions" by the end of the year, potentially shaking up the e-book market currently dominated by Amazon and its popular e-reader, the Kindle. Several of Google's past forays into new media have been wildly successful, such as Gmail and the popular browser Chrome. Editions could offer stiff competition to Amazon, potentially sparking competition between the two e-book services, lowering prices and improving the quality of their products.

NASA announces new development in astrobiology

NASA has announced a press conference to be held on Thursday afternoon to "discuss an astrobiology finding that will impact the search for evidence of extraterrestrial life." NASA has declined to release further information, leading to mass speculation about the potential discovery of alien life. A more likely possibility is that they will announce a new technique, piece of equipment or terrestrial biochemical finding to improve the search for life. While this announcement might seem less glamorous, it could be the crucial step in finding extraterrestrial life down the road.

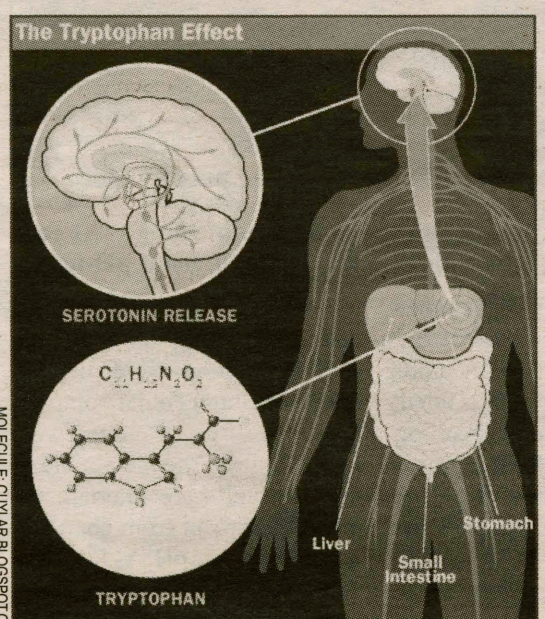


Mythbusters: What makes you sleepy after a meal and why it's not unique to Thanksgiving

by Ben Trachtman '12
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

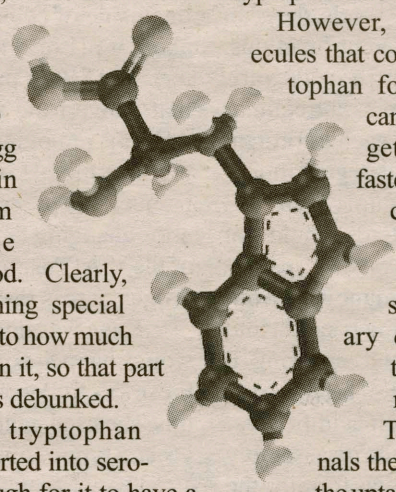
Everyone has heard that eating turkey on Thanksgiving can make you sleepy, and you might have even experienced it firsthand over the holiday. Most people attribute this feeling to the amino acid tryptophan, which is found in turkey meat. However, it is unlikely that tryptophan is the only culprit in dozing off during a Thanksgiving football game.

Tryptophan is an amino acid, a protein building block, and it is a precursor to the neurotransmitter serotonin. Serotonin is involved in many brain functions, one of which is sleep regulation. The reasoning behind the holiday myth is that eating turkey floods your bloodstream with tryptophan, which is converted into serotonin, inducing sleep. Unfortunately, there are a few problems with this theory.



Tryptophan stimulates production of serationin, a chemical that induces sleep.

First, turkey does not contain a particularly large dose of tryptophan. Its tryptophan levels are comparable to those found in other poultry. Both turkey and chicken contain approximately 0.24 grams of tryptophan per 100 grams of meat, while Parmesan cheese contains 0.56 grams of tryptophan per 100 grams, and egg whites contain about one gram in the same amount of food. Clearly, turkey is nothing special when it comes to how much tryptophan is in it, so that part of the theory is debunked.



Second, tryptophan can't be converted into serotonin fast enough for it to have a noticeable effect. Your body converts tryptophan into serotonin using enzymes found in brain cells, so the tryptophan must first get into your brain. This involves crossing the blood-brain barrier, which separates your bloodstream from the fluid around your brain and limits what chemicals can enter your brain. In order to cross the barrier, tryptophan must be pumped across by transporter proteins. These pumps can only work so fast, and tryptophan is competing with other molecules for transportation, resulting in a slow trickle of tryptophan into the brain.

However, removing molecules that compete with tryptophan for transportation can help tryptophan get into the brain faster. High levels of carbohydrates—foods such as sweet potatoes, stuffing and sugary desserts—signal the pancreas to release insulin. This hormone signals the body to increase the uptake of sugars in the blood. Cells also start taking in more amino acids, but not tryptophan. By removing other amino acids, tryptophan has less competition for the blood-brain barrier transport proteins, so more of it is transported into the brain where it is converted into serotonin.

There might be other factors at work that contribute to post-meal drowsiness. The arrival of food in the stomach affects the autonomic nervous system, which controls involuntary responses such as heart rate or digestion, and is divided into two branches: the sympathetic and the parasympathetic nervous systems. The sympathetic nervous system is responsible for the fight-or-flight response and primes the body for alertness and an expenditure of energy. The parasympathetic nervous system, on the other hand, is responsible for slowing bodily processes and conserving energy. Eating depresses the sympathetic system and activates the "rest-and-digest" response of the parasympathetic system, making you want to stay still or feel sleepy.

Post-Thanksgiving feast comas aren't just limited to Thanksgiving. Plenty of foods contain tryptophan and most meals will induce the production of insulin, promoting uptake of tryptophan into the brain. Sleepiness after a meal is not due solely to tryptophan, part of it is your body's natural response to food that helps you to digest and absorb nutrients. The next time you eat a big meal and settle in to watch a football game, pay attention to your body: you might be able to relive a little bit of that Thanksgiving feeling.

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POWER RANKINGS

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Thanks to a unanimous first-place showing in women's basketball, Amherst once again sits atop the latest installment of the NESCAC Power Rankings. Overall, the Lord Jeffs stayed below the three-point plateau thanks to strong showings across the board.

Close behind Amherst is Williams, who remained just behind its cross-state rival for the second straight week. The Ephs were tops in men's hockey and men's basketball and rang in second for women's basketball as well.

Bowdoin and Middlebury flip-flopped places at No. 3 and No. 4 for the second consecutive week, while Bates remained constant at No. 5. Hamilton and Trinity were the big movers, getting bumped up from eighth and ninth to sixth and seventh, respectively.

As a result, Colby fell from sixth to eighth and Tufts dropped from seventh to ninth. Wesleyan and Conn. College traded places at the bottom.

THIS WEEK	SCHOOL	MEN'S BASKETBALL	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	MEN'S HOCKEY	WOMEN'S HOCKEY	AVERAGE	LAST WEEK
1	AMHERST	2.40	1.00	3.40	2.20	2.25	1 ↔
2	WILLIAMS	2.20	3.20	1.20	5.80	3.10	2 ↔
3	BOWDOIN	3.40	5.40	1.80	3.20	3.45	4 ↑
4	MIDDLEBURY	3.00	3.80	7.60	1.40	3.95	3 ↓
5	BATES	5.60	6.80	—	—	6.20	5 ↔
6	HAMILTON	—	—	5.20	7.80	6.50	8 ↑
7	TRINITY	4.80	8.20	9.60	3.60	6.55	9 ↑
8	COLBY	7.00	3.80	8.80	7.00	6.65	6 ↓
9	TUFTS	9.00	7.40	5.40	—	7.27	7 ↓
10	WESLEYAN	9.00	5.80	5.40	9.00	7.30	11 ↑
11	CONN. COLLEGE	8.60	9.60	6.60	5.00	7.45	10 ↓

The poll was devised as follows: Each voter ranked all NESCAC schools in each sport, and those scores were averaged to create a composite ranking for each sport. The composites were then averaged to determine each school's overall ranking. Note that Hamilton does not compete in men's and women's basketball in the NESCAC, Bates does not compete in men's and women's hockey and Tufts does not compete in women's hockey.

This week's list was determined by polling Amro El-Adle (Amherst Student), James Reidy and Seth Walder (Bowdoin Orient), Mike Flint and Nick Woolf (Conn. College Voice), Katie Siegner (Middlebury Campus) and Alex Prewitt (Tufts Daily).

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Swim teams both place in top ten at NESCACs

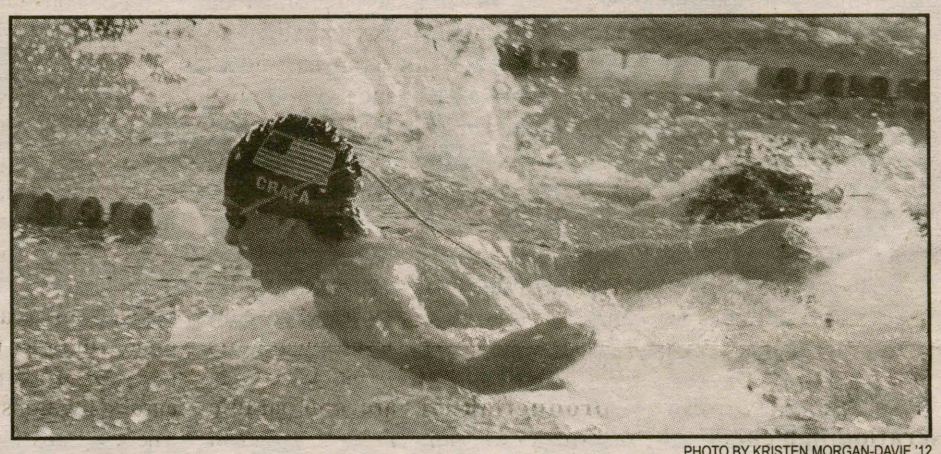
*From **Swimming**, page 20*

Hamilton swimmer, finished in second place in the 200 individual medley. Hamilton will be at Wesleyan University this weekend for the annual Cardinal Invitational.

Head coach T.J. Davis hopes to lead the women's team as well as the men's team to an improved showing at the NESCAC Championships and also in the NCAA Championships. Megan Gibbons '12 will pilot a very diverse Hamilton women's swimming and diving team in the 2010-11 season. The team consists of 11 first-year swimmers and divers, as well as a strong senior class. Three-year varsity letter swimmers Liz Bucceri '11 and Kate Rack '11, who are also the team's captains, head a class of seven seniors that will help balance the lack of experience from the rest of the women's team.

Gibbons has already made her mark in the Continentals' record books. She received All-American honorable mention at the NCAA Championships last spring for a 16th-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle event. She set Hamilton records in three different freestyle events last season, as well as in the 800 free relay. She received all-NESCAC honors due to strong swims in the 50 and 100 free at the NESCAC Championships last spring.

Like the men, women's swimming and diving also hosted a quad meet over fall break; Hamilton beat Hartwick College, but fell to Ithaca and SUNY Geneseo. Maggie Rosenbaum '14, swimming in her first ever college meet, set a record in the 100-yard backstroke leg of the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 58.91 seconds. Gibbons, Gabrielle Goione '12 and Joanie Burton '13 also swam in the relay, in which Hamilton finished second. Rosenbaum also finished first in the 200 back swim and third in the 200 freestyle. She was named the NESCAC women's swimming and diving performer of the week. The women's team will join the men this weekend at Wesleyan for the Cardinal Invitational.



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Swimmer James Crafa '12 will swim the 400-yard individual medley.

HAMILTON SPORTS

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Nov. 25-Dec. 1

Men's Basketball
Nov. 27: 63-60 *Win vs. Wells College*
Nov. 29: 74-61 *Win vs. SUNY-IT*
Dec. 1: 71-60 *0-3 Win @ Utica College*

Women's Basketball
Nov. 27: 69-27 *Win vs. Wells College*
Nov. 28: 60-59 *Win @ Elmira College*
Nov. 30: 58-50 *Win @ Utica College*

Men's Ice Hockey
Nov. 30: 1-3 *Loss @ SUNY-Cortland*

Women's Ice Hockey
Nov. 27: 1-3 *Loss @ Trinity*
Nov. 28: 3-0 *Win @ Wesleyan*

SCHEDULE

Dec. 2-Dec. 8

Men's Ice Hockey
Dec. 3 vs. St. Michael's (7:00 p.m.)
Dec. 4 vs. Norwich (3:00 p.m.)

Men's Squash
Dec. 2 Hamilton Invitational (5:00 p.m.)

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December 2, 2010

Ice hockey squad splits first four contests

by Ian Nichols '13
Sports Contributor

The Hamilton men's hockey team has gotten off to a 2-2 start with a two-game split against SUNY-Cortland, a win at Trinity and a loss at Wesleyan. The Continentals kicked off their season with a win at NESCAC opponent Trinity on Nov. 19. In the win, first-year Michael DiMare scored on a power play to give the Continentals a 1-0 lead with 8:28 to go in the first period. The Bantams tied the game just eight minutes later, but Joe Houk '13 scored the go-ahead goal in the third period . Another goal was added by the Continentals with four minutes to go to seal the victory. Scott Hefferman '11 stopped 34 shots for the first win of his senior season. Hamilton pushed its all-time series lead against Trinity to 23-4.

The Continentals visited another NESCAC opponent, Wesleyan, and lost 3-2 on Nov. 20.Wesleyan got a power play just 13 seconds into the game and capitalized just under a minute later to gain the early lead. Joe Buicko '11 struck back for the Continentals with a power play goal at 8:27, but Wesleyan regained the lead nine minutes later, again on the power play. They built a 3-1 lead with a goal in the first minute of the third period, and though Hamilton got a late goal from DiMare, the Continentals couldn't fight all the way back.

The Continentals beat the SUNY-Cortland Red Dragons by a 6-2 score on Nov. 23. Andrew Jelinek '13 scored just 16 seconds into the game and Hamilton never surrendered the lead. Also scoring in the game were Anthony Ruberto '13, Tom Chiappetta '11, Bryan Kelly '12, Houk and DiMare. Buicko had three assists, Anthony Scarpino '12 had two assists, and goalie Hefferman stopped 26 shots for the win.

Most recently, the Continentals lost at Cortland on Nov. 30. Early in the second period, the Red Dragons scored two goals within 13 seconds of one another and the Continentals couldn't catch up, losing 3-1. Scarpino scored the Continentals' lone goal. Though the Continentals' record stands at .500, their play has been promising of late. In particular, Hefferman, who struggled to keep his job in 2009-10, has a goals-against average of 2.25 to this point in the 2010-11 season, as well as a solid .898 save percentage.

PHOTO BY ANDY RICHARDSON
Forward Anthony Scarpino '12 seeks to be a top scorer in the 2010-2011 campaign.

Young men's basketball team starts season 4-1

by Cooper Creagan '13
Staff Writer

First-years comprise almost half of the men's basketball roster, so to say that it is a young team would be an understatement. Ryan Wright '14, Greg Newton '14, Matt Dean '14, Michael Reyes '14, Thomas McInerney '14 and Marlon Bascombe '14 make up six of the team's 13 athletes. Yet even though many of this year's athletes had never played with each other before this year, they opened the season with a statement 91-79 win over the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

Wright said that his first game at the collegiate level was somewhat jarring. "It was weird starting in a different jersey, different place, without the same faces in the crowd." However, the team had been playing pick-up games throughout the fall that helped the players become familiar with one another's play styles. Though the game was tied 35-35 at halftime, "the offense really clicked in the second half," according to Wright, and the Continentals scored 56 points for their first victory.

Because so many of the athletes are new to Hamilton basketball, getting everything to gel is currently the team's primary objective. Captains Pat Sullivan '12, Jon Ciriello '11 and Ephraim McDowell '12 are all working towards this end, not only providing leadership on the court but also bringing the team together outside of practice. Wright appreciates the team's friendliness, saying that the upperclassmen "helped incorporate us into the group." Reyes added that "everybody has a good relationship with each other." Such positive chemistry is vital in creating synchronization of the team during play.

Coach Tobin Anderson has also been working to bring the team together, inviting the athletes to his home several times over the course of the semester. Though he is all business on the court, Reyes said that "he takes care of us." Wright agreed and added that, because it was Anderson who brought all of the freshmen to Hamilton, "there's no one who wants us to do better than he wants us to do." This sentiment applies both to basketball and to their academics. Reyes mentioned Coach Anderson's "22 and 2" rule – that is, the men should focus on basketball for two hours a day, and on their schoolwork for the rest.

However, the Continentals' games against SUNY-New Paltz, Wells College and SUNY-IT reflected that developing that concordance and unity takes time. On losing to SUNY-New Paltz 84-88, Reyes cited a weak defense, saying "we could have taken care of the ball better." Wright agreed, adding that they failed to pay enough attention to all of the little details stressed in practice, making for a less-than-perfect performance that cost them the win.

And though the Continentals defeated Wells College 63-60, Wright said that the team "didn't do much better." The game was tight throughout. The Continentals had a 10-point lead late in the game only to have the opposition to nearly catch up, narrowing Hamilton's victory to a 3-point margin.

Similarly, Hamilton's win on Monday against SUNY-IT frequently fluctuated between a commanding lead for the Continentals and a nearly tied score before ending 74-61. Though Hamilton led for the vast majority of the game, SUNY-IT kept the game uncomfortably close for the Continentals.

Hamilton defeated Utica College for its fourth win on Dec. 1 by a score of 71-60. Even if it is only showing itself in bursts, the team is approaching seamless unity. Reyes agrees, claiming, "Everything's starting to get there." With four wins already, the young team is gaining experience by the day.

Swimming teams gear up for season

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In 2009-10, the Hamilton men's and women's swim teams finished fifth and 10th at the NESCAC Championships, respectively. Both the men's and women's swim teams already have high hopes to improve upon last season.

Bowie Sievers '11, Tom Cyran '12, Taylor Hogenkamp '13 and Jake and Chris DeConick '11 all shone at the team championships last spring. All of them will return this winter. Host Williams College won the event, with Tufts, Amherst and Middlebury also finishing ahead of Hamilton.

Fifth place at the men's NESCAC swimming and diving championships marks the Continentals' best finish since 2005. Led by All-NESCAC and NCAA D-III Championships swimmer Sievers, who is also a captain, eight seniors hope to help stir up the waters at the 2011 NESCACs.

"This year we definitely have the strongest group of swimmers in recent history, there's a ton of depth and talent" said captain Andrew McDermott '11. Jake and Chris DeConinck round out the group of four senior captains, both of whom have certainly contributed to the team's success over the years. In 2009, Chris DeConinck broke the school record in the 50 butterfly with a time of 23.39 seconds and Jake DeConinck swam on the all-NESCAC 800 free relay in both 2009 and 2010.

Despite the loss of a solid class of graduating seniors last spring, a strong first-year class and sophomore transfer Dan Levine hope to fill that void.

"[First-year] Conor Collins and Duo Gong provide some much needed help in the backstroke events after All-American Todd Johnson graduated a couple years ago," said Sievers.

In the first meet of the season, Hamilton men's swimming and diving hosted Hartwick College, Ithaca College and SUNY-Geneseo over Thanksgiving break in the annual quad meet. With only three weeks of training compared to the other teams' two-and-a-half months, the Continentals certainly provided some highlights in their quad meet loss that show promise for the rest of the season. Jake DeConinck and Hogenkamp finished first and second in the 100-yard freestyle swim, respectively. Sievers, who has become accustomed to dominating the lanes in Bristol Pool during his decorated career as a

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